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He said the 18-hole golf club is ranked as the third Army golf course in the world in total contributions to MWR programs. Last year, \$700,000 was contributed to MWR projects by Evergreen's golf club.

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"We have no problems other than the parking," he said. Sometimes the golf patrons can't get a close parking spot, and with all of the equipment, they can't get through to the golf club.

The golf course has a driving range and practice putting greens for active duty, post civilians and family members as well as local Koreans. Golfers have the flexible option of heading to the greens daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the 27 out of 190 acres of Camp Walker.

"I like golfing," said Yong, Caranchi, spouse of a civilian worker on Camp Walker, who has been golfing for about 4 and a half years. She said there are no problems for her when an exercise takes place.

Carey cautions military personnel enroute to CP Oscar or the dining facility of taking shortcuts across the golf course. He said golf balls are very dangerous because when a person hits it, the golf ball is traveling at a high speed of at least 200 miles per hour.

He added that he'd witnessed one golfer hit a ball while a soldier was walking. The ball stuck the soldier in the head, which lifted him up in the air a little bit.

Also, Carey said exercise personnel shouldn't walk across the fairways of the golf course because it is a violation of the "no pedestrian" rule, which states that golfers only are allowed on the fairways.

For those interested in putting some golf balls after duty, the golf lessons cost \$10 per lesson for 30 minutes at Evergreen's Pro Shop at 764-4061.

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